

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Schmit, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, Senator Hall just said that if I was a mentor for Senator Morrissey, I haven't done a very good job of keeping an eye on him, and I'd have to agree, Senator Morrissey. You act pretty independently. I would say this, I have to agree with Senator Morrissey. There's a lot of to-do about something which isn't really that important, but it is important to some of you who have worked on it a great deal and I think, as Senator Rod Johnson has said, there's been three hours of debate. We've spent more time on this issue than we have on the constitutional amendment this morning before the Revenue Committee and I really don't think, Senator Morrissey, we can equate the two at all, but that seems to be the situation here. We can all get up and discuss the relative merits of this kind of a bill. I would just say why don't we go ahead and see if you've got enough votes to move the bill. If we don't like the bill, we'll vote against it. We'll let it die and let the introducer come back next year and then reintroduce it. A lot of us likes that better anyway, and I think that, from the standpoint of the Corn Growers, if they've got some concerns, they could come back next year and reintroduce the bill if it doesn't pass. If the bill becomes law, there isn't any doubt in my mind nor in the minds or anyone but that there will not be changes necessary next year, but rather than to prolong the issue I wish we would just take the vote on Senator Morrissey's motion and then proceed to either advance or fail to advance the bill. I oppose the motion to bracket.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Seeing no further lights, Senator Morrissey, do you wish to close on your motion to bracket?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. I agree and I would have offered my bracket right away but I talked to Senator Ashford and Senator Pirsch and they said, well, let's do this, and since I was not assured of winning I thought, well, at least we'll make it better, at least we'll make it better, but here it is. The thrust of Senator Hefner's original bill was to give an edge to biodegradable, give them the incentive to come, give the plastics incentive... industry incentive to do what they're going to do. The bill as it is, with the committee amendment, becomes